

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY)	ORDER GRANTING THE
MCCOOK COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE)	WAIVER REQUEST
COMPANY FOR A WAIVER OF A)	
REQUIREMENT TO FILE A SWITCHED)	TC01-038
ACCESS COST STUDY)	

On April 6, 2001, McCook Cooperative Telephone Company (McCook) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request to waive ARSD 20:10:27:07 which requires a company to submit "cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years." McCook requested the waiver for the following reasons:

"1. On or about January 1, 2001, McCook acquired the telephone assets of Hanson Communications, Inc. (Hanson), which included the Salem and Alexandria exchanges (see letter of notification to PUC dated March 19, 2001, a copy of which is attached). One of the Hanson exchanges acquired by McCook was, prior to the transfer, an average schedule company. There is thus no cost data available for that exchange at the present time.

2. McCook is required to file cost data this year under the requirements of the above rule, but only for the Salem Exchange. McCook requests a waiver of the requirements of ARSD 20:10:27:07 for one year to enable McCook to file one cost study on behalf of all of its exchanges. The one-year delay would give McCook the opportunity to gather one year's data for the recently-acquired exchanges, and then to submit one cost study based on accurate data from all of its exchanges. In addition, it would be more economical for McCook to submit one cost study that includes all of its exchanges, rather than filing for only the Salem Exchange."

McCook is a member of the Local Exchange Carriers Association.

On April 12, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 27, 2001, to interested individuals and entities.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

On May 8, 2001, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver for a period of one year. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested waiver is hereby granted for a period of one year.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of May, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner